

Amendments to the Claims

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

Claims 1-23 (cancelled)

24. (currently amended) An axle driving apparatus, comprising:
- a common housing serving as a fluid sump;
 - a variable displacement hydraulic pump disposed in said housing, said hydraulic pump having a movable swash plate;
 - a hydraulic actuator for tilt-operating said movable swash plate, the hydraulic actuator including a manually controlled control valve and a hydraulic cylinder, the hydraulic cylinder being combined with said control valve so that a movable portion of said hydraulic cylinder is controlled in location by said control valve;
 - a hydraulic motor disposed in said housing;
 - a center section ~~disposed in said housing, said center section~~ provided therein with a closed fluid circuit through which said hydraulic pump and motor are mutually connected;
 - an axle disposed in said housing and driven by said hydraulic motor;
 - an input shaft ~~having opposite first and second ends~~, wherein said input shaft is supported by said housing and disposed perpendicular to said axle, and wherein said hydraulic pump engages with ~~said first end of~~ said input shaft; and
 - a charge pump for supplying said hydraulic actuator with fluid from said fluid sump, wherein said charge pump is ~~supported by said housing and~~ disposed

opposite to said hydraulic pump with respect to said center section, and wherein said charge pump engages with ~~said second~~ an end of said input shaft,

wherein said center section is a one-piece center section having the closed fluid circuit and forming a portion of at least one of said hydraulic cylinder and said control valve.

25. (previously presented) The axle driving apparatus as set forth in claim 24, wherein said charge pump is disposed in said housing and driven together with said hydraulic pump.

26. (cancelled)

27. (cancelled)

28. (currently amended) The axle driving apparatus as set forth in claim 24 ~~[[27]]~~, wherein said at least one of said hydraulic cylinder piston or and said control valve is disposed in said housing.

29. (currently amended) The axle driving apparatus as set forth in claim 24 ~~[[27]]~~, wherein said one-piece center section forms a portion of both said hydraulic piston cylinder and said control valve are made integrally with said center section.

30. (currently amended) The axle driving apparatus as set forth in claim 29,
wherein at least one of said hydraulic piston or cylinder and said control valve is
disposed in said housing.